

swamp the Senate, and to entirely ignore the very basis of security upon which the confederation of this country was built. Well, Sir, what is your excuse? The "Globe" newspaper tells us that the first crime for which the Senate of Canada ought to be beheaded is that it ratified the Canadian Pacific Railway contract. Why, Sir, can anybody imagine a man with the hardihood to say in the face of the people of this country that that which has made a nation of Canada—for we were a paper nation without it—that gigantic work which has given us communication from end to end, which has made a great country of Canada, and without which we would be comparatively helpless today, was a wrong to Canada? The charge is that too much was given. Let me meet that charge here and now. It is not true—I may say that, Mr. Speaker, when I am talking of the "Globe", at all events. What is the fact? The fact is that when all the subsidies were given—and I give to the right hon. gentleman the testimony of a man whose word he will take as soon as that of any man living, and that is Lord Strathecona—that after all the resources of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, with all their subsidies, were exhausted, and the work was likely to break down and collapse in 1884, it was saved in that critical hour by Lord Strathecona pledging every dollar of his private resources to raise money to carry the enterprise through. And then it would have broken down and failed—I do not hesitate to say, because I happen to be in a position to know—had I not been able to come down to this House in the session of 1884 and induce it to make a loan of \$30,000,000 over and above everything else that was given. What more? Why, Sir, the "Globe" says that Mr. Blake made a great speech in opposition to this contract. So he did; but he made another great speech out on the coast of British Columbia, when he had the manliness to say that when he had opposed the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway, he had no conception of what that great western country was. (Cheers.)

#### THE DRUMMOND COUNTY & YUKON RAILWAY BILLS.

Now, Sir, I do not intend to follow this subject further than to say that the grounds which the right hon. gentleman gives to the people of Canada for this attempt to subvert one of the most important institutions of the country is the crime the Senate committed in rejecting the Drummond County Railway contract and the Yukon Bill. Let me turn his attention for one moment to these two questions. I do not intend at this hour to go into them at any length; but I will say this, that the statement that is put forward by the "Globe," and also, I think, by the right hon. gentleman, that something of this kind was contemplated in the proposed